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## **Sen. Van Woerkom secures \$25,000 for area diabetes program**

**LANSING** — A Muskegon County pilot program that helps local people manage their diabetes could have an additional \$25,000 in state funding, thanks to the efforts of Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores.

Van Woerkom successfully inserted funding for the program in budget legislation for the Michigan Department of Community Health. The Senate passed the legislation, Senate Bill 1083, today.

“I’m pleased to see my Senate colleagues agree how important this program is,” Van Woerkom said. “Besides helping improve the health of Muskegon County residents, this program can help save tax dollars by preventing costly hospital visits.”

The project would help people focus on their improving their diet, exercising more and seeking proper medical treatment. Muskegon County has one of the highest rates of diabetes in the country. If successful, the county program would save tax dollars because it would help avoid more expensive care.

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